

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-7, 11-13 and 18-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4 and 13 are amended, and claims 2-3, 8-10 and 14-17 are cancelled with this response. The provisional allowance of claim 17 is noted with appreciation. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-2, 4-5, 11-14 AND 18 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 11-14 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,027,418 (Gan). Withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for taking the time to speak with applicant's representative at about the time the Advisory Action was issued. In that telephone conversation it was agreed that if claims 1 and 13 were amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 17 and any necessary intervening claims, the amendments would be entered and the claims held to be allowed.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 17 and intervening claim 15. Various claims were also cancelled if such claims would create potential inconsistencies with the respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, LLP113US.

Respectfully submitted,
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